Defining *"a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations"*, the Universal Decalaration includes a preamble and thirty articles establishing fundamental human rights—civil, political, social Economic and cultural which should be enjoyed by humanity.

Today, we remember the concepts of universality and indivisibility of fundamental rights. Human rights are still at times violated and enlightened public opinion condemns all such acts of violation. The 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Right is therefore, an excellent opportunity remember the ideals contained in it and to reflect on them and their application in contemporary human society.

India has particular reason to be proud of its association with the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Right. We recall with pride the contribution of a members of the Constituent Assembly of India, Dr. Hansa Mehta, in the Drafting Committee of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

From time immemorial, our society has placed the highest value on rights of the individual as evidenced in Indian scriptures and classics. Respect for human dignity and fundamental rights is deeply embedded in our constitution. Our legislative measures, insititutional mechanisms, administrative actions and judicial pronouncements over the last fifty years have reinforced our commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights.

On this occasion, we rededicate our selves to our commitment to these deals and principles.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chiar]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Semiconductor Complex Limited, S.A.S Nagar, Punjab and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Central Civil Service Cultural and Sports Board, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE & INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): Madam I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Twentieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Semiconductor Complex Limited, S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1734/98]

II. A copy each (In English and Hindi) of the Followings papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board, New Delhi, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

[Placed in Library. *See* No LT. 1733/98]

Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi and related Papers.

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख्तार नकवी): महोदया मैं निम्नलिखित पत्रों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूं:—

(क) 1997-98 के वर्ष के लिए इंडियन इस्टीट्यूट ऑफ मास कम्यूनिकेशन नई दिल्ली का वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन और लेखे, लेखाओं पर लेखापरीक्षकों के प्रतिवेदन सहित।